WHILE year after year, the same programme to a certain extent, repeats itself, yet the opening week of the Christmas term is always novel enough to be of as much interest to old students as to the entering class.

It is one of the glories of Kenyon that the reception accorded to the new-comers every fall is one which is never characterized by anything which can possibly be termed barbarism. To be sure there are certain traditional usages with which freshmen are expected to comply — such as making their first entrance at Chapel on their knees, — and most of these are worth the keeping up; and there are almost bound to crop out certain effervescences of boyish mischievousness, by which sophomores delight to show to all the world that they are children still. But these practices scarcely deserve the name of hazing.

Before the initiatory rite of matriculation, freshmen are, as it were, on probation, and it is but right that they should look upon their superior classmen as examples of Kenyon training. But it redounds peculiarly to our credit that the highest type of Kenyon man is moulded by none other than moral influence. We therefore extend
to the class of nineteen hundred and six a cordial welcome, hoping that they will in due time satisfy all the requirements which will admit them to matriculation and will be prepared to play their part in that ceremony.

For purposes of examination and for the other business of the College, our year is now divided into semesters. It will be observed, however, that the old Terms are still to exist, in that the recesses continue to take place as before, so that the departure from the traditional usage will be slight, while the efficiency of the various schools will be raised—all other things being equal. On the change in curriculum with which we are now face to face, we have commented in a previous issue.

With the loss of considerably more than half the team, by graduation and otherwise, our football prospects are not, to be sure, as brilliant as for the two seasons previous, and this is a good reason for redoubled vigor on the part of those who remain. If Mr. Ailing can have the thirty best players in College out for practice every day,—we shall see what we shall see,—and the sight will certainly not be altogether unpleasant to our eyes.

As this will in some cases be the first issue of the Collegian in the hands of Freshman it may be well to set before them the nature of the College Monthly Magazine. The Collegian will accept contributions from any alumnus or under graduate upon any subject whatever that can possibly be of interest to any considerable section of our readers and which conform to the literary standard of the paper. Essays upon any phase of College work are welcome, provided the writer shows a real grasp of his subject and employs a good literary style. As a general rule contributions must be of less than two thousand words in length, though exceptions are made in some cases.

In the Spring of 1903 several vacancies will occur on the editorial board. These places will be filled with strict regard to the quantity and quality of contributions received from the various candidates, and within certain constitutional limitations, these will form the sole basis of the selection.
The Funeral of Dr. Benson.

Dr. Benson, whose death was so heavy a blow to Kenyon, was buried in the old Churchyard near Rosse Hall. Although the College had long been closed, quite a number of Alumni and a few students were present, and the College Chapel was crowded to overflowing, several persons standing on the steps outside on account of all the seats being taken.

The ceremony was impressive, as the funeral service always is. The officiating clergy were Dr. Pierce and Dr. Davies. The pallbearers were Alumni and old residents of Gambier. The services was at three o'clock P.M., and though the morning had been cloudy and threatening, the afternoon brought with it a cloudless sky.

Dr. Benson's personality and services to Kenyon need not be dwelt on here. If circumstances permit it is our desire to print in our next issue a fuller account of his career than is now possible. Contributions from Alumni on this subject will be welcome, and it is requested that such matter be in our hands not later than October the twentieth.
List of Alumni Present at the Last Commencement.

Owing to an oversight, in the haste which was necessary in order to get the Commencement Number of the Collegian ready for the press the day after the Commencement Exercises, the list of visiting alumni was left out. What might appear a grave mistake is pardonable under the circumstances.

There were more persons at the Alumni Luncheon this last summer than there have ever been before. In fact, Philo Hall was barely large enough for the occasion. This shows a gratifying increase of interest for the college, both in her alumni and in those who are not directly connected with her affairs. The prosperity of Kenyon can in no way be doubted with such health and marked successes apparent in her exterior and interior life.

The past Commencement was certainly as pleasant to the undergraduates of the College as to any persons concerned. The returning alumni furnish them with a wonderful example of the true Kenyon spirit, which everyone admires so much. When the student sees the men of the fifties and sixties coming back year after year to observe the progress of their Alma Mater, his heart is filled with the loyal love and devotion, which he observes in them. It is enough to stimulate any true son of Kenyon with pride and satisfaction.

Complete list of those present at Alumni Luncheon:

- His Excellency, the Governor, George K. Nash, LL. D.
- The Rt. Rev. Wm. A. Leonard, D. D.
- The Rt. Rev. Boyd Vincent, D. D.
- The Rev. Ernest M. Stires, D. D., L. H. D.
- A. B. Farquhar, LL. D.
- Eugene S. Talbot, LL. D.
- J. D. Du Bois.
- Judge U. L. Marvin, LL. D.
THE FACULTY.

The Rev. Wm. F. Pierce, A. M., L. H. D.
Theodore Sterling, A. M., M. D., LL. D.
The Rev. H. W. Jones, D. D.
I. H. Ingham, A. M.
The Rev. C. L. Fischer, A. M., D. D.
Henry T. West, A. M.
Barker Newhall, A. M., Ph. D.
J. B. Shaw, Sc. D.
The Rev. G. F. Smythe, A. M., D. D.
W. P. Reeves, Ph. D.
The Rev. O. J. Davies.
C. N. Wyant.
H. F. Williams.

ALUMNI.

J. Kilborne Jones, A. M., '58.
The Rev. Win. Thompson, '58.
The Hon. J. D. Hancock, '59.
A. N. Whiting, A. M., '60.
Charles P. King, M. D., '62.
The Rev. J. F. Woods, Bex., '64.
W. P. T. Cook, A. M., '68.
W. B. Morrow, A. M., '68.
W. P. Elliott, '70.
The Hon. T. P. Linn, LL. D., '72.
The Rev. C. S. Aves, '76.
The Rev. Rolla Dyer, '76.
Harry N. Hills, A. M., '77.
W. M. Townsend, '79.
F. W. Blake, A. M., '80.
J. H. Dempsey, '82.
W. E. Grant, '86.
K. B. Conger, '87.
H. C. Devin, A. M., '88.
The Rev. E. T. Mabley, '89.
Jesse G. Reeves, '91.
E. B. Braddock, '95.
E. V. Shayler, Bex., '95.
C. C. Wright, '96.
W. C. Armstrong, '97.
F. R. Bayard, '97.
F. S. Cornwell, '98.
G. T. Irvine, '98.
J. A. Nelson, '98.
W. M. Sidener, '98.
Constant Southworth, '98.
P. B. Stanbery, Jr. '98.
E. F. Bigler, '00.
A. W. Davies, '00.
S. A. Huston, '00.
C. P. Lash, '00.
R. T. Sawyer, '00.
LIST OF ALUMNI AT THE LAST COMMENCEMENT.

W. C. Curtis, '01.
J. A. Higbee, '01.
D. F. Magee, '01.
W. Rattle, '01.
The Rev. L. E. Daniels, Bex., '02.
The Rev. Frank Rundenbush, Bex., '02.
A. J. Aubrey, '02.
R. G. Cunningham, '02.
A. L. Devol, '02.
Convers Goddard, '02.
P. M. Lybarger, '02.
W. J. Morris, '02.
E. J. Owen, '02.
D. V. Parsons, '02.
E. A. Rogers, '02.
J. G. Stewart, '02.
J. F. Skogland, '02.
B. M. Tanner, '02.
J. O. Wallace, '02.
H. B. Wright, '02.

UNDERGRADUATES.

R. H. Balcom, '03.
W. T. Collins, '03.
R. H. Hunter, '03.
W. Koons, '03.
A. G. Liddell, '03.
C. S. Morrison, '03.
H. McC. Billingsley, '04.
Maxwell Ganter, '04.
J. C. D. McKim, '04.
GUESTS.

The Rev. T. A. Wilber, D. D.
The Rev. Martin Aigner.
The Rev. W. F. Allen.
E. C. Dempsey.
Z. H. Cooke.
F. W. Coolidge.
Joseph Morris.
George P. Voorheis.
J. S. Tanner, M. D.
Wm. E. Hull.
Carl E. Burr.
P. D. Voorheis.
P. H. Larwill.
W. A. Weaver.

Alumni who were on the Hill but did not attend the Luncheon:
The Hon. Wm. H. Pugh, '53.
L. H. Larwill, C. E., '55.
J. S. Blackaller, '64.
D. B. Kirk, '69.
J. G. Dunn, '75.
J. A. Benedict, '82.
C. J. Suhr, '83.
A. A. Taltavall, '83.
J. E. Good, '84.
D. E. Sapp, '84.
T. H. Gould, '91.
W. P. Carpenter, '92.
Paul Morrison, M. D., '92.
E. D. Babst, '93.
H. A. Barber, '96.
The Rev. R. L. Harris, '96.
E. G. Martin, '96.
A. A. Billman, '97.
H. K. Foster, '97.
H. B. Sawyer, '97.
Wm. H. Clarke, '98.
The Rev. J. J. Dimon, '98.
T. O. Yutsey, '98.
J. V. Blake, '00.
Rufus Southworth, '00.
J. C. Zimmerman, '01.
W. J. John, '02.
C. V. Johnston, '02.
R. R. Munger, '03.
J. M. Weaver, '04.
Memories.

Oh fairy Vista reaching far, back to the days I love to recall;
The night steals on and I muse alone upon thy smiles that hide the tears,
And I fill my glass once more to toast
The passions of my earlier years,
Aye, fill my cup as the morning nears
To drink to the loves of my childhood years.

They pass by, one by one, in the dim light of the dying lamp:
Elaine sweet-faced and Alice fair, pensive-eyed in the land of wonder.
Dear friends of years forever gone,
I from those years turn sad asunder,
I fill my cup as the morning nears
To drink to the loves of my childhood years.

Loved yet art thou Guenevere, queen of the knights chivalrous;
Loved yet fair Eulin and those Isoult, inspirer of heroic action,
Still o'er the volume as I pore,
I muse in lingering, longing passion
And fill my cup as the morning nears
To drink to the loves of my childhood years.

The Moth.

He nears, whose safety doth in shadow lie,
In ever narrowing circles hovering
In ever restless, moving, fluttering
On dusty and in-shade-begotten wing
   The light
   O. Moth beware.

He strikes whose safety doth in shadow lie
All suddenly the light his hopes were on
Some faint gleam lured him when from far it shown
Now light o'erwhelms and his light is gone
   In night
   Would he were ware.
Librarian's Report for the Past Year.

(PRINTED BY REQUEST OF THE COLLEGE AUTHORITIES)

To the Honorable, The Board of Trustees of Kenyon College:—

Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit my annual report as Librarian of Kenyon College.

Five hundred and eighty-eight books were added to the library, during the year. Of these one hundred and forty-nine were purchased from the income of the Hoffman Fund; seventy-nine from the income of the Stephens Fund for purchasing foreign books; eighteen from the income of the Delano Mathematical and Astronomical Fund; two hundred and forty-four were given by the United States Government; fourteen were acquired by exchange; twenty-four were given by Col. John J. McCook; and the remainder were received from various donors. Among these smaller gifts was a valuable old Latin Dictionary given by Mr. H. M. Babin of the class of 1904. To place these books in the library required the writing of seven hundred and fifty cards, which have been added to the catalogue.

The number of pamphlets received during the year was five hundred and nineteen. Of these three hundred and thirty-five were given by the United States Government; one hundred and eighty-four consisted of College catalogues and miscellaneous pamphlets. The United States also sent six folios and two sets of maps.

The reading room has been furnished regularly with seventy-four periodicals. Fifty-one were paid for from College funds, the remaining twenty-three being received through the courtesy of the publishers. The World's Fair bulletins have been regularly received and placed in the reading room. A table has also been furnished with magazines.
and papers from other colleges through the kindness of the editor of the Collegian.

One thousand four hundred and forty books have been loaned during the year. A great deal of reading and reference work has been done at the library, the books being kept in for that purpose.

$29.31 was received in fees and fines from other subscribers than students. $12.31 was expended for books, pencils, and other things needed in the library. $17.00 was paid to the treasurer, leaving a balance on hand of $1.43.

A fine copy of the Magna Charta, a gift from Mr. J. P. Stephens, has been hung in the entrance hall.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLEN D. DEVL.
Librarian.

June 23, 1902.
The New Department of Biology.

There is a great deal of interest taken in biological work today, probably more than there ever has been before. This is due to the fact that the solution of so many problems of everyday life depends upon the work of biologists. Now Kenyon has been able to take up the work and has been able to furnish excellent equipment for commencing it, and, by the number of students who have elected courses in this department, it is evident that the innovation will prove a marked success. We have been able to secure, as the head of this department, L. B. Walton, A. M., Ph. D.

Dr. Walton was graduated from Cornell in 1897. Being much interested in the subject of biology, he left for Germany and pursued his studies in the University of Bonn, until the spring of 1898, when he left for research in India. Returning for the next winter semester at the University of Bonn, he came back to America in the summer of '99 and acted as assistant to Professor Packard in the courses of Biology, at Brown University. He received the degree of Master of Arts from Brown in the following year. After revising the collection of fishes in the American Museum of Natural History, he received from Cornell appointment to the Golden Smith Fellowship of Biology. This year the degree of Doctor of Philosophy was conferred on him at Cornell.

The following courses are offered for the first year:

1. General Biology.
2. Comparative Anatomy of Vertebrates.
3. Histology and Microtechnique.
4. Special laboratory work in Biology.
5. Scientific German.

The Department expects to offer in subsequent years courses in Neurology, Embryology and Bacteriology.
College News.

The outlook for the year is very prosperous, in fact more so than it has been for some time. In all we have about 107 undergraduates. There were 54 entrances, of which number 47 were freshmen.

The cane rush occurred on the 19th of September, a class of nineteen Sophomores to withstand the assault of a cane-bearing crowd of over forty Freshmen. To make the period of excitement longer and more intense, the upper classmen fixed the opening of the contest at 10 o'clock the preceding evening. The freshmen slept in a barn that night but no men were caught from either class. The freshmen won by the score of 22 hands to 9.

Mr. F. R. Bryson, M. A., a graduate of Vanderbilt with a Master's degree from Harvard, is assistant to the Chair of English. He also has courses in French.

The college authorities have hired a night-watchman to keep guard of the college property, and incidentally to watch the students themselves.

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, the Rev. G. F. Smythe, A. M., D. D., was appointed as Chaplain of the College.

The building of Hanna Hall is progressing rapidly. It is expected that the corner-stone will be laid in the second week of November. Owing to the fact that so many people will be here, the Matriculation Exercises and Founder's Day Memorial will occur at the same time.

The corner-stone of the stack room of the library will be laid on the 8th of October.

The water from the new artesian well will probably be ready for use in the Dormitory by the end of October. The pumping station is completed, the wells dug and the pipes and engine are here, so the only thing left to do is the piping.
Alumni Notes.

1831. The Rev. J. C. Wheat, A. B., of Lynwood, Va., is dead.

1883. Irving Todd has resigned his position at Topeka, Kansas, and has accepted one at the Howe School, Lima, Indiana.

1900. Arthur Davies, A. B., is pursuing a special course in Assaying, Spanish and German at the University of West Virginia.

1901. Bates G. Burt has entered the Seabury Divinity School at Faribault, Minnesota, and will study for the ministry.

A. E. Williams, A. B., is now a professor at Chicago.

The following extract from the Toledo Blade of September 29th cannot fail to be of interest to many of our readers:

HARRY DOWLING IS DEAD AS RESULT OF ACCIDENT.

The Unfortunate Man Never Recovered Consciousness After Falling From a Street Car Saturday.

"Harry S. Dowling, who fell from a Monroe street car on Saturday noon, died at St. Vincent's hospital about eight o'clock that evening, as the result of his injuries. Death was caused by a fracture of the skull at the base of the brain, and the unfortunate man never recovered consciousness after the accident. Doctors La Salle, VanPelt and Reese attended the injured man and remained with him until the end. An operation was performed, but all their efforts were of no avail. Besides the physicians, Mrs. Dowling and Captain P. H. Dowling, the father of the deceased, were at the side of the sufferer when the spark of life expired, and both were completely prostrated by the shock.

"The funeral takes place Wednesday morning from St. Anne's church, Rev. Father Muhlenback officiating. The hour for the funeral will be announced later.

"The accident, which had such a tragical ending, was so simple and sudden that those who witnessed it could hardly bring themselves to a realization of its serious consequences. Mr. Dowling was on his way home for luncheon and in the seat with him were Mr. W. W. Ainsworth and Mr. D. C. Shaw. He chatted
with these gentlemen during the trip and passed in front of Mr. Shaw with an excuse, as he prepared to leave the car at Twenty-second street. While the car was still moving he stepped to the running board, his foot slipped and all was over in an instant. Those who saw him fall say that Mr. Dowling retained his hold on the car for an instant after he slipped and was dragged about a car length. Then, when he fell, the back of his head struck the asphalt with terrific force. The conductor witnessed the accident and the motorman was trying to stop the car at the time Mr. Dowling released his hold. Had he been able to retain his grip a few seconds longer he would have been saved.

"Dr. LaSalle, who was nearby at the time and saw the accident, was at the side of the injured man instantly. His first examination showed him the serious nature of the injuries, and under his direction the unconscious man was taken to his home on Collingwood in a carriage. Dr. Reese and Dr. VanPelt were hurriedly summoned, and after a consultation of the physicians, it was decided to take him to St. Vincent's hospital and make an effort to save his life by means of an operation. This was done, but he was beyond all human aid."

Harry Dowling was one of the best known men in the city where he was born thirty-nine years ago. He was educated at the Toledo public schools and at Kenyon College. Ever since his boyhood he has taken a prominent part in public affairs and he has always been very popular among his associates. He has been active in business and politics, and, to all appearance, had before him the career of a successful man.

After leaving college he entered the Toledo postoffice at the time when his father, Captain Dowling, was postmaster, and later he was assistant collector of customs under Collector McLyman. He then entered the business field with his father in the Toledo Transfer Company and became secretary of that organization and took a part in its management. In 1892 he married Miss Eleanor Coghlin, daughter of the late Dennis Coghlin, and the fruits of this union were a son and a daughter, but the little boy died about five years ago. A few years ago Mr. Dowling was in bad health and made two trips to Carlsbad for treatment. The result was the complete recovery of his old time vigor, and during the last year he has been in excellent condition and seemed to be enjoying life to the fullest extent.